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CLAIMS

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1. A shielding assembly comprising:
a shield for shielding a user of the assembly; and
a support for supporting said shield, the support including at least one elongate member relative to which said shield is moveably mounted;
wherein movement of said shield relative to the at least one elongate member, optionally in combination with movement of one or more of said elongate members facilitates three-dimensional movement of the shield about a defined region below said at least one elongate member, said three-dimensional movement including a vertical component, a longitudinal component and a lateral component.
 2. A shielding assembly according to claim 1, wherein said support includes one elongate member, said shield being mounted for longitudinal movement relative to said elongate member, and wherein said elongate member is adapted to be pivotally mounted at at least one end thereof.
 3. A shielding assembly according to claim 2, wherein said elongate member is adapted to be pivotally mounted at both ends thereof.
 4. A shielding assembly according to claim 1, wherein said support includes one elongate member, said shield being mounted for longitudinal and transverse movement relative to said elongate member.
 5. A shielding assembly according to claim 1, wherein said support includes a fixed member and an articulated arm pivotally mounted to said fixed member, said shield being mounted for longitudinal movement relative to said articulated arm.
 6. A shielding assembly according to claim 1, wherein said support includes a fixed elongate member and a moveable elongate member mounted for longitudinal movement relative to said fixed elongate member, said shield being mounted for longitudinal movement relative to said moveable elongate member.

7. A shielding assembly according to claim 1, wherein said support includes two elongate members mounted at about 90° to each other, each of said elongate members being pivotally mounted at each end thereof for longitudinal pivotal movement relative to the other elongate member, said shield being mounted for longitudinal movement relative to each of said
5 elongate members.

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8. A shielding assembly according to claim 1, wherein said support includes at least three support struts forming a frame, said shield being movably mounted relative to said struts within or outside the frame.

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9. A shielding assembly according to claim 8, wherein said shield is mounted within the frame.

10. A shielding assembly according to claim 9, wherein said shield is mounted for
15 longitudinal and transverse movement relative to each of said struts.

11. A shielding assembly according to claim 10, wherein said shield is lockable relative to one or more of said struts.

20 12. A shielding assembly according to claim 9, wherein said shield is hung from said struts within said frame by means of a wiring system.

13. A shielding assembly according to claim 1, wherein said assembly is operable between a collapsed orientation and an assembled orientation, wherein in said collapsed orientation
25 said support includes a pair of concentric members an inner member of which mounts the shield, said concentric members being moveable to an intermediate orientation wherein said concentric members are oriented at about 90° to each other, and from said intermediate orientation to said assembled orientation wherein lower portions of the concentric members are compressed to provide a base for said support, said shield being supported within the support
30 when said assembly is in said assembled orientation.

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14. A shielding assembly according to claim 1, wherein said support includes a plurality of pivotally mounted elongate members and a pivotally mounted central mounting member extending from a proximal end of a substantially upright strut, said shield extending over said support and being movably mounted relative to each of said elongate members and centrally
 5 fixedly mounted relative to the central mounting member.

15. A shielding assembly according to claim 1, wherein said support includes a support strut having an elongate member extending therefrom, said shield being pivotally mounted relative to a distal end of said elongate member and including a plurality of laterally extending
 10 ridges which are movably mounted relative to said distal end of said elongate member.

16. A shielding assembly according to claim 1, wherein the movement of said shield and optionally said one or more elongate members defines a substantially hemispheroidal or hemiellipsoidal region beneath the shield.

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